

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph number 3 at the bottom of page 1 of the application as follows:

Generally, when loads are secured in transit, particularly with load securement straps such as that taught in U.S. Patents Nos. 6422794 ("Cargo Snugger Strap And Hook Mechanism") and 6494651 ("Railcar Anchor And Load Snugger ~~Arrangement~~ Arrangement") which are both incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein, there is a concentration of mechanical loads on the locations where the straps contact the cargo. Spreading the mechanical load with a reinforcement or stronger material, whether wood, corrugated cardboard, plastic angles or sheets or the like, has been long used. "Angles" made of wood, cardboard, steel, fiberboard, aluminum, fiberglass, plastic, rubber, etc are often to use to protect loads from damage done by chains, wires, rope, steel, banding, web straps, or other restraint method to prevent load shifting in transit. Similarly, a variety of ways to temporarily support an untensioned securement strap have been used, including a variety of hooks, eyes and cords.